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SUBJ: ATTORNEY GENERAL FINDS CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY BILL
UNCONSTITUTIONAL

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SUPREME COURT
DECLARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL THE LEGISLATIVE ACT PROVIDING FOR A
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, BECAUSE THE CONGRESS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH
THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BILL'S PASSAGE (77 BOGOTA 10795).
IF THE COURT ACCEPTS COMPETENCE IN THE CASE AND AGREES WITH THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATION, THE ASSEMBLY WOULD NOT CON-
VEFE IN JULY 1978, AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED, NEW LEGISLATION
WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE NEXT CONGRESS, ALSO TO BE INSTALLED
IN JULY 1978. SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD TAKE A MINIMUM OF TWO
YEARS, SINCE IT MUST BE PASSED BY TWO SUCCESSIVE ORDINARY
SESSIONS OF CONGRESS.

2. THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IS EMPOWERED TO ENACT CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEMS, THE LATTER
OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE U.S. SINCE SUCH A REFORM WOULD
PROBABLY EXPEDITE THE PROSECUTION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS,
AMONG OTHERS.
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